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When this work was first commenced, the Editor had no idea, of the *time* and *labour* it would require to carry it on;—but he has found by experience, that more of both is requisite than he can consistently, with his other avocations, devote to that purpose; he therefore must now bring his work to a close. During the year, he has seen much of the vanity of those who like to be noticed in works of a public nature; and has learned that a periodical work, conducted without much regard to principle, will more effectually find its way among the world at large; and that satire, personalities, and a disposition to root out all religion, by professing to desire the establishment of *pure Christianity*, (which in their meaning of the term, seems to signify the destruction of all church rites and ceremonies, with the ministers of the Gospel; whilst every one is to be left to do that which is right in his own opinion,) is more likely to be encouraged, than such publications as will inform the mind, and lead the soul to virtue and holiness.

In this volume will be found a selection of what in the judgment of the Editor, was most likely to please and edify; intended not merely for the time present, but to be kept and re-perused; and although it is not exactly what was intended in the beginning, yet it is what according to circumstances and the disposition of most of the readers, was most likely to be received by them. Some little things will almost unavoidably find their way into a work of this nature, that will not be so pleasing to all, but as a whole we hope it will be, according to the promise made—*suitable to be read in all families*, being for the benefit more particularly of the rising generation. A view of the table of Contents will show that some books have been examined and culled; while it may well be imagined, that much has been read, that to the publisher, has been to little or no profit. He has found the truth of the wise man's saying, by experience, "Much study is [illegible] to the flesh, and of makin[illegible] no end." Ther[illegible] will not feel as if their *money* or *time* has been spent in vain, and that they will ever keep in view that time is short, and should be improved to the *best possible* advantage; while he shall still endeavour from the pulpit, in Christian communion and fellowship, by the sick bed, to all classes and conditions of his fellow creatures, to *do good* and *get good*, that when he labour of life is closed, he may receive his reward, not in gold which perisheth, but in substantial and unfading glory at the right hand of Him who shall say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." He hopes that those who have read, or may read, in this volume, considering its motto—To err is human, to forgive divine—will then receive an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, which fadeth not away. The close of this work is something like the close of life; a consideration of what might have been done, and what left undone. One thing the Editor has learnt, that the more he writes, the less he feels himself qualified for the work; and therefore he leaves this, as all other performances must be left, to the censure or praise of his readers; intending that their praise or dispraise shall never so affect his mind, as to prevent him from doing so far as judgment, time, and talents, will permit, that which shall be for the *general* and *particular* benefit of his fellow men.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

According to the accounts of the last Conference of this body held in Leeds, there were in connexion, *fifty-one* travelling preachers, *four hundred and nine* Local; *four hundred and thirteen* Societies; *one hundred and fifty one* Chapels, and *ten thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven* Members. *Twelve* new Chapels had been built or enlarged the last year, and *three* more were building. In this body lay representatives assemble with the ministers, and all business is conducted by the united powers of the clergy and laity, on primitive principles. This is only one of several bodies distinct from the old connexion, now existing in England.

CHURCH METHODISTS IN IRELAND.

Those cleave to Mr. Wesleys original plan to be united to the church they [illegible]

SUMMARY.

One hundred and sixteen snakes of various species and sizes, were found lately in Andover, Mass. under a large stone, where they had collected for the winter.

By a partial return of the census of Boston, it appears there has been a gain in five wards, of upwards of 10,000 persons since 1820, so that they now number nearly 54,000.

On Tuesday the 13th instant, was the coldest day known for some years, the thermometer being below cypher; the weather since has been very moderate. A heavy snow storm was experienced at Norfolk, so that vessels had to make the first harbour, and at Albany, the mercury was below zero.

A Steam Boat has begun to ply between the ports of Lima, Guayaquil, and Panama, which will be a great convenience tothat part of America.

An error in Mr. Hardie's statement of the First Ward, which should have been 10,963, is set down at 4,422, making the total, 168,931.

A fire broke out in a stable, near Sullivan-St. on Thursday morning, and owing to the difficulty of obtaining water, the most of the buildings in the block were consumed; several persons were injured. Collections are making to assist the distressed, as a number of families are left destitute. The loss of property has been great, and only a small proportion insured.

Circulation of Intelligence.—Stepping into the city post office on Tuesday evening, and observing how large a number of free letters were put up for one mail, which the clerks were in the act of despatching, we had the curiosity to inquire how many such letters had been despatched from that office during the last week.—The chief clerk took the trouble to add up the numbers which had been mailed at that office during the week ending on Tuesday the 13th inst. and the aggregate really surprised even us, who had some opportunity of knowing the extent of the correspondence between this city and the various points of the interior, especially during the session. The whole number was *thirty-three thousand eight hundred and twelve.* In the packing and wrapping up the mails, about one hundred and twenty quires of large cartridge paper have been consumed. In addition to this labour, immense mails from the north, the south, and the west, are received, assorted, and distributed, *daily*, at this office; besides several other of less importance during the week.—*Washingtoo Paper*

Extraordinary Longevity.—A Surgeon, named Pulo-Timan, who resided in the little village of Vandemont, in Lorraine, died lately at the age of 140. This man never left his native place. The day before his death he performed, on a female, with a steady hand, and with professional dexterity, the operation of cutting for cancer. He never married, was never bled, never underwent any course of medicine, having had no occasion for it, as he was never ill. though he passed no day without getting tipsy at supper, a meal which he indulged in to the great last.

considered by the mineralogists, as a variety of the *sapphire.*

MARRIED.

On Friday evening, by Rev. Mr. Budd, Mr. J. B. C. Hinman, to Mrs Sarah Palmer.

On Thursday evening, by Rev. Dr. Phoebus. Mr. Samuel Bertine, Jun. to Miss Sarah M. Gould, all of this city.

Same evening, by W. M. Stilwell, Mr. William Neal, of Philadelphia, to Miss Mary Ann Brombush, of this city.

Same evening, by the Rev. Mr Davies, Mr. William Williams to Miss Elenor Griffiths. all of this city.

Wednesday evening, by W. M. Stilwell, Mr. Jesse Winant, to Miss Sarah Ann Ingersoll. all of this city.

Friday, by Rev. Dr. Feltus, Mr. Elisha B. Higgins, to Miss Margaret M. eldest daughter of Mr Philip C. Ruckel.

Saturday evening, by the Rev. Bishop Hobart, Archibald Gracie, Jun. to Elizabeth Davidson, daughter of the late Angus Bethune, Esq. of Charleston, S. C.

DIED.

On Sunday, Mr. John Webster Bussing.
Thursday, Mr. Patrick M'Cabe, aged 34.
Wednesday, Mr. Robert Dodge, aged 46.
Same day, Mrs. Jane Burras aged 69,
Same day, Thomas Downds, Esq.

Deaths in this city, last week, 88.

POETRY.

A subscriber's farewell to the Friendly Visitor, on being informed that it is to be discontinued for the want of a sufficient number of subscribers to support it.

Must I to my friend bid a final adieu;
Wilt thou never more visit my low habitation;
To bring me accounts of occurrences new,
And tell of the way and the means of salvation.

A Visitor friendly I always received thee,
And cherish'd thy precepts so dear to my heart;
With a friend I can trust, that has never deceiv'd me,
How can I but grieve when with such I must part.

Altho' thou shouldst famish, thy mem'ry I'll cherish,
Thy deeds yet may live in the archives of fame;
Thy foes may rejoice, yet thy name will not perish,
And the kindness of friends may revive thee again.

Respond to the foregoing, and to all the Subscribers.

If I should ne'er revive again,
And this farewell should be forever;
My pages left, you may retain,
If you will bind them all together.

But above all your *Bibles* read,
And cultivate a loving spirit;
n this [illegible] be blest indeed,
gentleman and his lady life inherit.
meeting themselves.

[illegible] No. 9 Bowery.

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